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SUBJ: CURRENT STATUS OF JUSMMAT

FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF FEB 14 LETTER TO CHIEF JUSMMAT FROM TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) OUTLINING JUSMMAT-TGS RELATIONSHIP IN WAKE OF AID CUT-OFF. TGS HAS INDICATED THAT IT WISHES CONTENT OF THIS LETTER, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED THROUGH JUSMMAT CHANNELS, TO BE TIGHTLY HELD. COMMENT SEPTEL.

BEGIN TEXT. 1. I AM PROVIDING YOU THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS THE VIEW OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, DUE TO THE MUTUAL AID BETWEEN TURKEY AND U.S. HAVING BEEN STOPPED UNILATERALLY AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT HAVING BEEN DISCONTINUED.

A. IT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THE CONDUCT OF DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS ASSIGNED TO YOU AS "CHIEF OF MISSION" AND JUSMMAT HEADQUARTERS, BASED ON THE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT DATED 12 JULY 1947, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED MORE SENSITIVELY IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT CONTACTS AND RELATIONS BOTH WITH TGS AND THE SERVICES COMMANDS SHOULD BE BASED MORE ON OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS, AND FURTHER IT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE THAT INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO HIGH LEVEL.

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B. IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY THAT ROUTINE TRIPS AND VISITS TO TURKISH MILITARY UNITS AND ESTABLISHMENTS BY BOTH CIJUSMMAT AND MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS SHOULD CEASE FOR A WHILE.

C. THE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH SERVICE COMMANDS' LIAISON ELEMENTS AT JUSMMAT HQ IS BEING CONSIDERED SINCE FOR THE TIME BEING THEIR FUNCTION HAVE NO IMPORTANCE.

D. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE ROUTINE REPORTS BEING PROVIDED BY THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES TO JUSMMAT WILL NOT SERVE A PRACTICAL PURPOSE.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, AS IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ON 4 FEBRUARY 1975 TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COMMON DEFENSE AND COOPERATION, BE DISCONTINUED. BASED ON THIS DECISION:

A. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE MUTUAL DISCUSSIONS, CONDUCTED BETWEEN TGS HQ AND JUSMMAT ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL, SHOULD BE STOPPED.

B. TGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EVALUATE ANY REQUESTS CONCERNING ADDITIONS, MODIFICATIONS, EXPANSION, NEW CONSTRUCTION, DISPOSITION, MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND OPERATIONS OF MUTUAL DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS, AND REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR IMPORTING AND EXPORTING MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, AND THE MOVEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ITEMS BETWEEN THE INSTALLATION. END TEXT.
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